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Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record in the above-identified application the document or documents referenced on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference is enclosed herewith.

The cited references are mentioned in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of applicant's corresponding European patent application and are believed relevant for at least that reason. U.S. Patent No. 2004/0030564 is the English language equivalent of WO 01/88670.

The undersigned believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper. However, should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and

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charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1390, under Order No. ABN0006-US and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

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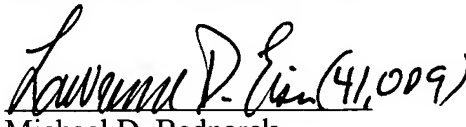
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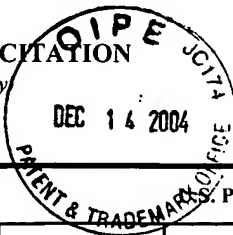
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